

Research findings show that shared book reading can help young children learn to talk more, using an increased number of words. This practice can also help young children become ready for school.

Research and Training Center of Early Childhood Development



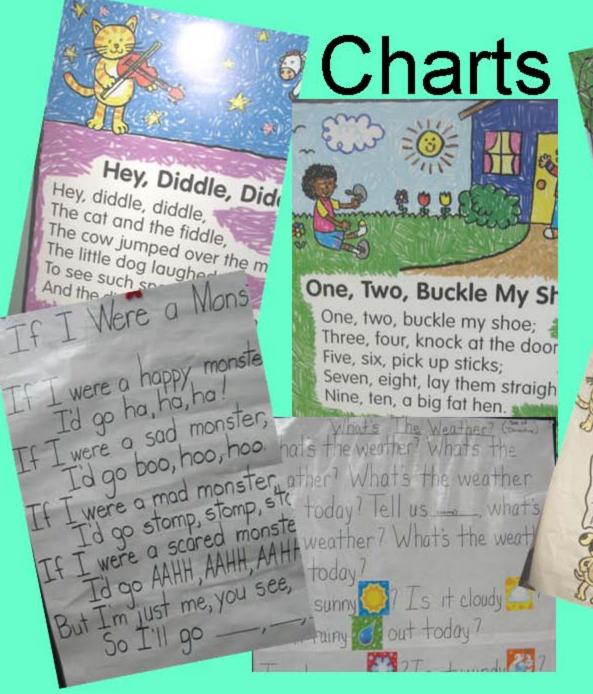
Shared Reading











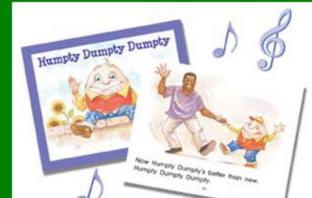




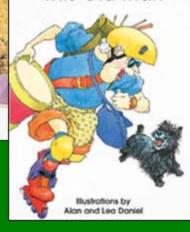


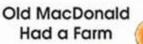
So

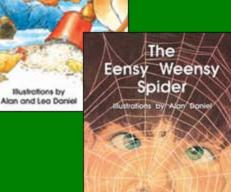
Songs







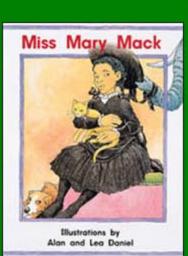




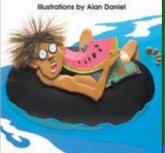
Jin Market

Dinosaur Toes

Music and lyrics by Lindsay Nesheim Illustrations by Yvette Santiago Banek



Down by the Bay



The Ants Go Marching

Bushotions by
Alon and Lea Daniel



Focus of Shared Reading

Introduce children to concepts about print or books.

Enjoy a predictable story, song, poem, or rhyme.

Introduce an author, topic, or theme.

Act as an introduction for a unit study.

Develop awareness of conventions of language.



Mini-Lessons

Concepts about books and print

How stories are made

Alphabet knowledge interesting words and concepts

Responding to Shared Reading

Painting or drawing

Writing

Dramatic retellings

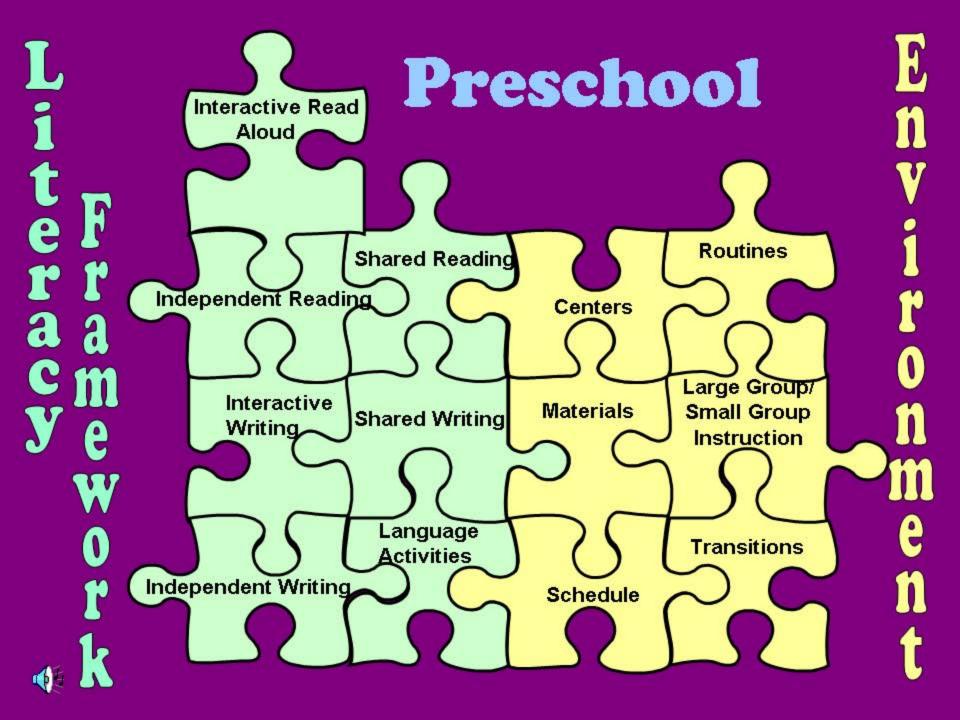
Listening to the audio recording



Shared Reading

- Bring children together to "read" with confidence and support
- * Introduce children to the pleasure of reading and to motivate them to read together
- Increase young children's awareness of the characteristics of books and print concepts
- * Provide a context for sharing text beyond children's independent "reading" level
- * Increase vocabulary and concept development

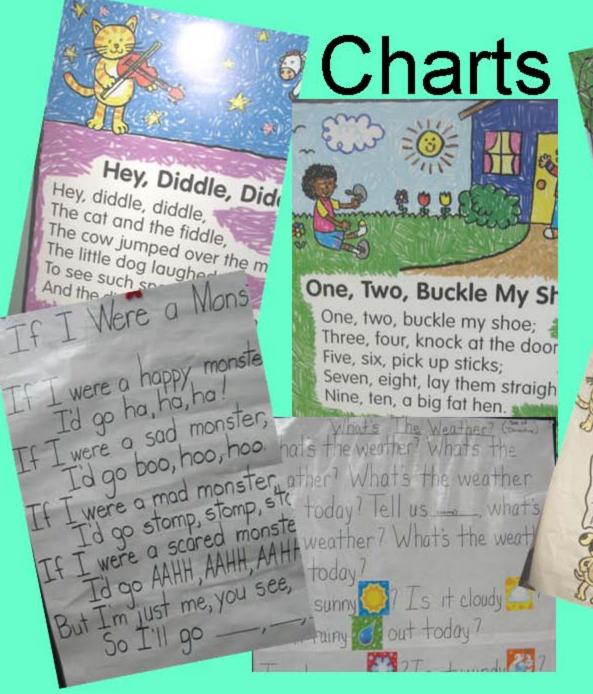
Francyor







Independent Reading Area







Big Books

Itch! Itch! Mrs. Wishy-Washy









Teaching Strategies for Independent Reading

Set aside a short period of time on a daily basis for independent "reading".

Model reading labels, signs, directions, notes, and so on in the room to promote independent reading at activity time.

Encourage children to read the environmental print in the classroom by initiating a "read around the room" activity.

Provide opportunities for independent reading during activity time in the Library Center.

Environmental Print Baggy Books



Immerse children in a situation in which books are being enjoyed.

Familiarize children with a variety of books.

Encourage children to revisit a book that has been previously read by the teacher.

Offer children an opportunity to engage in an activity that might not be self-selected during activity time.

Develop concepts of print and book knowledge.

